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Sunday 2nd April 2017 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT** **(Year A)**

Mass Times and Intentions:
Sunday 2nd April
Fifth Sunday of Lent –
6.15pm (Saturday 1st April)
Len Phillips RIP
8.30am People of the parish
10.00am Bridget McDonagh RIP
11.30am Hazel & Andy McCrystal & family (Foundation Mass)
(Polyphony Choir singing)
4.00pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction
5.00pm Welfare of Bob Foster

Fifth Week in Lent:
Monday 3rdApril
7.30am Ann & Andrew Strain RIP
10.00am Leopoldine Rebello RIP

Tuesday 4th April
7.30am Phyllis, Hannah & Kathleen McCarthy RIP (Foundation Mass)
10.00am Anne Mitra RIP

Wednesday 5th April
7.30am Margaret Smith RIP
10.00am Welfare of William Dunne

Thursday 6th April
7.30am Holy Souls
10.00am George Meyern RIP
(St James the Great pupils present)

Friday 7th April
FIRST FRIDAY
7.30am Patrick Brennan RIP
10.00am Shirley D'Souza RIP (anniv)
Adoration until 2pm Benediction.
7.30pm Stations of the Cross
led by the Parish Pastoral Council

Saturday 8th April
10.00am Isabel Rocheford – For Our Lady's protection

Next Sunday 9th April - Palm Sunday
6.15pm (Saturday 8th April)
Elisabeth Davies RIP
8.30am Welfare of Ethelda Williams
10.00am People of the parish
11.30am Thanksgiving – De Bragança family
(Hymn & Plainchant choirs singing)
(NB: This Mass starts in the lower hall)
4.00pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction
5.00pm Welfare of Elizabeth Power

Daily Mass & Prayer:
***Mass: Mon – Fri: 7.30am**
***Morning Prayer of the Church**
Mon - Sat **9.15am**
***Adoration & Benediction.**
Mon – Sat **9.30am**
***Mass:** Mon – Sat **10.00am**
***Rosary**: Mon – Sat **10.30am**
***Confessions:**
Saturday, after the 10am Mass, until 11am; then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm,
and daily at call whenever a priest is available.
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Thank you for your continuous generosity:
Last weekend's collection came to **£2044.00**
(£1446.00-Baskets; £598.00-Standing Orders)

Thanks from **LIFE** for the sum of **£129.00** raised at last weekend's Coffee Morning, now sent to LIFE HQ. See: www.lifecharity.org

East Africa still faces a devastating famine. CAFOD is a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee, working with other agencies to combat this terrible famine: http://cafod.org.uk/Give(call 0303 303 3030)

Coffee Morning Today after all morning Masses with our Confirmation Candidates, parents, guardians and catechists. Do come along and support them on their journey to Confirmation.

PARISH EASTER CARD
Please take home with you today a copy of our Parish Easter Card. This contains Easter greetings from all the clergy, together with details of all Masses and other services from Palm Sunday through to Easter Monday.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES
Your traditional Easter Offering to your priests may be made using the Easter envelopes available, or you may just put your offering straight into the basket at Easter. Those of you who Gift Aid their offerings are asked to use the specially marked blue envelopes in their boxes. However, if you give using Gift Aid and you prefer to use an Easter envelope instead, kindly just write your Gift Aid number on it.

In the coming week:

Wednesday 5th April
Confirmation Candidates Session 5 in the hall from 7.30pm to 9pm. Please be prompt in arriving.

First Holy Communion Candidates Second Confession event on Wednesday 5th April has been cancelled due to holiday absences.

Friday 7th April
Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm led by the Parish Pastoral Council.

Saturday 8th April
First Holy Communion Meditation and Shared Meal in the hall from 10am to 12 Noon, and Practice for receiving Holy Communion. Please ensure that children arrive in time and are collected promptly.

Sunday 9th April
Confirmation Candidates, parents and guardians Rite of Election Mass at 5pm.

ALTAR SERVING FOR EASTER
Maundy Thursday 8pm;
Practice Wednesday April 12th 7.30pm.
Good Friday 3pm;
Practice Good Friday morning 10:30am
Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) 8.30pm
Practice Saturday morning 10.30am.
Please also consider serving on Easter Sunday itself, though please note that there will NOT be a Mass at 5pm.

LENTEN DAY OF PENITENCE
This will take place on the **Tuesday of Holy Week, 11th April 2017.**
Following the 10am Mass, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with priests available for Confession all day, closing with Benediction at 7.30pm. Please make a note of this important Lenten opportunity in your diary.

Sick and Housebound

If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a local care home, who is unable to come to Mass, and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, an Anointing or a Blessing, please contact the parish office. Please be advised that dedicated hospital chaplains meet the pastoral needs of Catholic patients who are in hospital.

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:
Jessica Anane, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Frances Caulfield, Fr Gerald Coates, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaela Forte, Bob Foster, Dennis Franklin, Rachel Gadd, Eamon Gillespie, Millicent Green, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Felix Isichei, Mary Kenny, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming, Maria Parnis, Peter Ranawake, Marion Robertson, Joe Ryan, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Eugene Shaughnessy, Kathy Spicer, Maggie Sunich, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Recently Deceased:
Your prayers are asked for the happy repose of the souls of: **George Meyern**, of Crescent Way, who died on Saturday 25th March 2017.George was a former Scout Leader here, as well as running the Parish football team in years past.
Anne Mitra, of Crescent Way, a member of the Polyphony Choir, who died on Monday 27th March 2017.
Donald Francke, former reader and member of the Polyphony Choir, late of Polworth Road, who died on Tuesday 7th March 2017.
The funeral arrangements for **Michael Croghan** at St Michael's, Fern Avenue, Pollards Hill are as follows: -
Reception of his body Thursday 6th April at 4pm.
Funeral Mass Friday 7th April at 9.30am.
Our thoughts and prayers as a parish go out to the families.

Church Cleaning: Group 1: Ena Holland, Mary Icheke, Eileen McCarthy, Nancy McNamara, Kathleen O'Toole, Nwamaka Offor, Polin Rajaratnam, Irene Reynolds.
Please could you help with cleaning?

REPOSITORY: All ready for Easter. We also have Cards and gifts for First Holy Communions. Come and see!

GIFT AID: New envelopes await your collection. They come into use next weekend, 8th / 9th April 2017, which is the first weekend of the new tax year. Please come along to the Gift Aid Office beside Our Lady's altar to collect your new box or to sign up and/or complete a Standing Order Instruction to your bank. Please note that from next weekend, 8th / 9th April 2017, the contents of any out of date envelopes cannot be included in Gift Aid, and will have to be added to the loose money. If you would like to consider joining the Gift Aid scheme, please ask about how to sign up. If you are a taxpayer, the Church can claim back from HMRC tax you have already paid. All you need to do is sign a simple form! Year End Letters will be made available after the end of this tax year. Please do still collect your envelopes if you give by Standing Order. Standing orders do not cover second collections; Your boxes contain special envelopes for them. This weekend is the FINAL weekend to use your current envelopes. Please dispose of them after that.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
On Good Friday, 14th April 2017 at 12.00 Noon. We are seeking children from nursery up to secondary school age to take part, with parental permission. Please contact Linda Harries at: l.harries@gmail.com or call her on 07770 623230. Please register your interest by Friday 7th April 2017. **NB: Rehearsal in church, Maundy Thursday 13th April at 4pm.**

The Youth Club Grand National Sweepstake
Next Saturday 8th April at 5pm. Last chance to enter!
It's still not too late to take part!!! Just call Eddie Sanders on 020 8333 0690 **any time before Friday 7th April**. The Youth Club, which this event has been organised to support, will be running throughout the Easter Period, except for Good Friday.

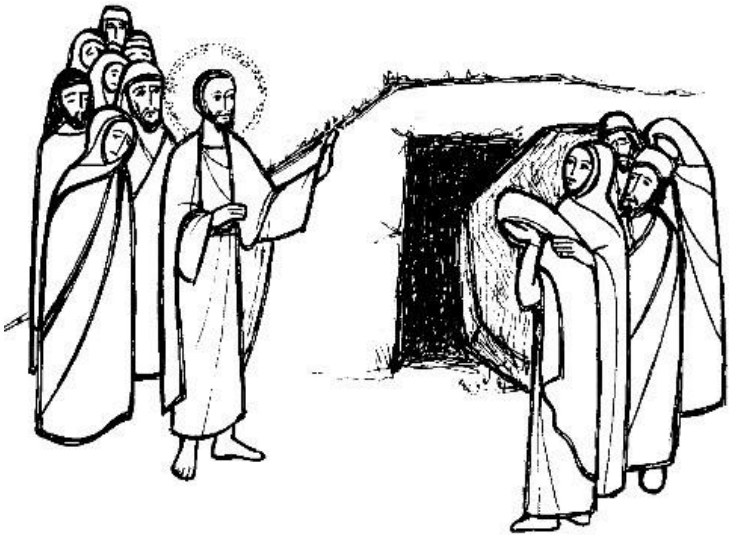
SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS:
Our Uniformed Groups are collecting these vouchers in order to obtain equipment. Please accept or ask for the vouchers when shopping, and bring them with you to Mass. You will find a box, kindly produced by the Scouts, in the porch, in which you may put your vouchers. Thank you on behalf of all the groups for the many already received.

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes – All the prizes from Rachel Menezes' Coffee Morning of 5th March may be collected from the Parish Office. Please bring your tickets with you if you have won, or think you may have won something.

SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 18TH TO 25TH AUGUST 2017.
Please see the poster in the porch for this pilgrimage which will be led by our own Bishop Patrick Lynch ss.cc.

SPUC AND LIFE JOINT PETITION relating to the removal of Marie Stopes Clinics' licence to carry out abortions. You are invited to sign this petition which may be found in the porch.

The **Our Lady of Fatima** National Pilgrim Virgin Statue and relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco will be coming to St George's Cathedral on Saturday 13th May 2017. Please see poster and:www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Aylesford
Led by Bishop Paul Hendricks, Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark, this pilgrimage, in preparation for the Feast of Mercy takes place on **Saturday 22nd April 2017**. Full details may be found on the poster in the porch, which includes coach travel from Westminster Cathedral: email – info@divinemercy.org.uk
Also, see the web site: www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk

A Day With Mary on Saturday 29th April 2017 at Westminster Cathedral, London SW1. Please see poster in the porch.